

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
JULY 19, 2006 MMINUTES**

Director Ware opened the meeting with a moment Silence followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Ware then stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting, and read the following.

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1. By forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam and Elmer Times Co.
 2. By posting notice thereof on the bulletin board in the Salem County Court House and County Administration Building; and
 3. By filing notice thereof in the Offices of the Salem County Clerk and the Clerk of the Board all having been done at least 48 hours in advance.
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On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Bobbitt, Freeholders Timberman, Lindenmuth, Sullivan, Bestwick, Simmermon, and Director Ware were present.

Motion was made by Freeholder Bobbitt that the reading of the Minutes of June 21, 2006 be dispensed with and that the Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute book. Freeholder Sullivan seconded his motion, which was carried by a vote of 7/0.

Freeholder Bobbitt Moved to waive the rules for resolution numbers 2006-278, 2006-285, 2006-296, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

A citation recognizing Raymond Sickler on 50 Years of successful farming was read. Director Ware presented the citation. Freeholder Simmermon requested that the citation be modified to read Mr. and Mrs. Sickler. Director Ware also noted that the Freeholders would be honoring a farming family each month.

CHECK PRESENTATION

Senator Sweeney and Assemblyman Fisher from the 3rd Legislative District presented a check from the State of New Jersey funding the first year of the PARIS Grant to Director Ware and Curt Harker from the Department of Achieves Management.

A Citation Honoring Clarence Harris was read and presented by the Director.

A Proclamation Recognizing the Salem County One-Stop Career Center as "Office of the Year" was read and presented by the Director to Joan Cole of the One-Stop Career Center.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

David J. Socolow, Acting Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development – copy of the Notice of Obligation which provides the Workforce New Jersey area with an allocation of funds for the counseling and administrative costs associated with the Smart STEPS Program

David J. Socolow, Acting Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development – copy of the Notice of Obligation which provides the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) with funding authority

Eileen Swan, Executive Director, Department of Community Affairs, Office of Smart Growth – notice that the Smart Future Grant Award has been revised to prepare a strategic revitalization and preservation plan for the eastern portion of the County

Ira G. Megdal, Cozen O'Connor Attorneys – notice that South Jersey Gas Company filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities a petition seeking to decrease the level of its 2006-2007 Periodic Basic Gas Supply service charge

Kris Kolluri, Esq., Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation – notice of a meeting at the Public Information Center to inform local residents and the business community of projects to improve the operations and drainage on Route 40 from Route 77 and replace the bridge over Elmer Lake

David C. Rollison, CPA/RMA, Bowman & Company – copy of the 2005 Salem County Utilities Authority Audit Report and the Salem County Prosecutor's Law Enforcement Trust Funds Report of Audit for the Year Ended December 31, 2005

Ada N. Jackson, Office Manager, First Managed Care Option - June 2006 Savings Report showing \$188,102.14 in savings

South Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council – copy of the July 11th Agenda and May 17th Minutes

Karen Halupke, RN, M.Ed., Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services, Department of Health & Senior Services – announcement of the eighth annual New Jersey EMS Awards Program

Cortney Casazza, Director of Operations, Garden State Pharmacy Owners Provider Services Corporation – notice of an overall savings of \$6,520.91 for the period April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006

Cape May County – resolution supporting Assembly Bill 1707 and Senate Bill 1522 providing for the establishment and support of county offices for the disabled

Gloucester County – resolution urging Governor Jon Corzine and the State Legislature to restore all proposed cuts to state aid to county colleges in the FY2007 budget and to provide said aid at mandated statutory levels

Hunterdon County – resolution recognizing and supporting the efforts of "Pedals for Progress" and urging Hunterdon's residents to support this worthwhile charity

East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County – resolution opposing elimination of the state-wide deer recovery program

Mercer County – resolution urging the State of New Jersey to continue its responsibility to provide a roadside deer recovery program and to assume associated financial support for said program

Middlesex County – resolution urging New Jersey Legislature to enact Assembly Bill A-1886 and Senate S557 which would restore the Recycling Fund ("Recycling Enhancement Act")

Monmouth County – resolution opposing elimination of the state-wide deer recovery program

Morris County – 2 resolutions:

- resolution urging the adoption of Bills S-1881, ACS 2870/2898 and S-1737 which would prohibit anti-war demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery
- resolution urging Assembly Bill 3174 and Senate Bill 1726 be amended regarding issues involving prompt payment to construction contractors for work performed for private parties and government entities

Joseph G. Fedora, Alloway Township Mayor – letter encouraging the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders to pursue the concept of Installment Purchase Agreements as payment for the purchase of preservation easements

Patricia DuBois, Chair, Pilesgrove Ag Advisory Committee; John Ober, Chairman, Pilesgrove Planning Board; Ed Kille, Deputy Mayor, Pilesgrove Township – copy of a letter to Kris Alexander, Administrator of the Salem County Agriculture Development Board regarding May's meeting for implementing the Planning Incentive Grants

Constance S. Garton, Pittsgrove Township Clerk – letter of concern about the poor site clearance at the English Road and Upper Neck Road intersection

Tina Ahrens, Operations Division, Superior Court of New Jersey – copy of the May 11th Court Security Committee Meeting Minutes – draft revision

Herbert W. Roeschke, Public Health Coordinator, Department of Health & Senior Services – copy of the award letter regarding the Local Core Capacity Infrastructure for Bioterrorism Preparedness

Joanne Bell, CFO – report regarding the \$1,800,000 County of Salem, County College Bonds, Series 2006

Deborah Turner-Fox, Administrator – letter of resignation as Administrator of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the Month of April

Office of the Disabled
Emergency Services
Nursing Home – Complete HealthCare Resources
Veterans Services

For the Month of May

Office of the Disabled
Emergency Services
Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey – Salem Branch Report
Veterans Services

For the Month of June

Adjuster
Emergency Services
Ranch Hope Monthly Population Report
Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey – Salem Branch Report
Surrogate
Weights & Measures

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Community College Board of Trustees May 11th Minutes
Construction Board of Appeals March 28th Minutes
Cultural & Heritage Commission May 18th Minutes
Economic Development May 31st Activity Report
Library Commission May 15th Minutes
Open Space Advisory Committee May 24th Minutes
Youth Services Commission & Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition June 7th Minutes
Workforce Investment Council May 24th Minutes

Motion was made by Freeholder Bobbitt that the Correspondence, Departmental reports, and Committee/Commission Minutes be received and filed with Freeholder Sullivan seconding his motion. Freeholder Bestwick questioned the correspondence from Mayor Fedora; the Clerk of the Board advised that in closed Session more would be discussed on this topic. Director Ware also noted with regret the acceptance of the resignation from County Administrator Debby Turner-Fox. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved and Freeholder Sullivan seconded the authorization for the payments of the Bills and Claims. Carried 7-0.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved and Freeholder Sullivan seconded the acceptance of the Treasurers Report. Carried 7-0.

Freeholder Director Ware questioned if there were any objections to reading the resolutions in bulk, there were none.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Ware, Bobbitt, Sullivan

2006-271 Resolution Authorizing Purchase from Federal GSA Contract for High Density Moveable Shelving for the Salem County Surrogate's Office

2006-272 Resolution Authorizing Application for Funding of a Recreation Program for 2007 through the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant under the Arc of Salem County

2006-273 Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract for the Provision of a Total Records Management System for the Salem County Clerk's Office (\$132,000 – Applied Computer Services Enterprise Solutions [ACS])

2006-274 Resolution Ratifying an Agreement between the Salem County Nursing Home and the Salem Community College for the Clinical Nursing Program for the County of Salem

2006-275 Resolution Authorizing Change in Meeting Time for Regular Freeholder Meeting of Wednesday, August 16, 2006 in Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law

2006-276 Resolution Authorizing the Freeholder Director and County Administrator to Execute Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Salem Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Salem County Prosecutor and the Salem County Prosecutor's Assistant Prosecutor's

2006-277 Resolution Authorizing the Freeholder Director and County Administrator to Execute Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Salem Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Salem County Prosecutor and the Salem County Prosecutor's Detective & Investigators

2006-278 Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Authorizing Application for a Grant to Carry out ADA and other Improvements to the Historic Salem County Court House from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (Waiver Required)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved and Freeholder Sullivan seconded the above noted resolutions. Carried 7-0.,

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE –Sullivan, Ware, Simmermon

2006-279 Resolution Awarding Contract for Providing Heating and Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance and Unscheduled Repair Services for the County of Salem (\$43,144 – E.E.J. Mechanical)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved and Freeholder Sullivan seconded the above noted resolution. Carried 7-0

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Simmermon, Bestwick, Ware

2006-280 Resolution Amending Resolution #2006-92 Awarding a Contract for the Provision of Outpatient Services as Related to the Salem County Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for the County of Salem

2006-281 Resolution for Maximum Allowance for Funeral and Burial Assistance for Individuals with no Prior Income or Benefits

2006-282 Resolution Authorizing Agreement with the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Grant Administration of the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Year 2006

2006-283 Resolution Amending Contract for the Supplying of Authorized Medical Products to Medicare Part B Eligible Residents of the Salem County Nursing Home (Ancillary Management Solutions, Inc.)

2006-284 Resolution Authorizing Freeholder Director and Clerk of the Board to Sign Application for Health Services Grant for Early Intervention Services and the Special Child Health Services/Case Management Unit

2006-285 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$36,901 – Public Health Preparedness & Response for Bioterrorism) (Waiver Required)

Freeholder Simmermon moved and Freeholder Bestwick seconded to approve the above noted resolutions. Carried 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Lindenmuth, Bobbitt, Timberman

2006-286 Resolution Awarding an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services Contract for a Megan's Law Coordinator/Polygraphist and Administrative Division Support Services for the Salem County Prosecutor's Office (\$14,500 – Stephen Little)

2006-287 Resolution Authorizing Application for Funding of a Grant - General Assistance Grant for the Salem County 9-1-1 Center

Freeholder Lindenmuth moved and Freeholder Bobbitt seconded the above noted resolutions. Carried 7-0.

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Timberman, Lindenmuth, Sullivan

2006-288 Resolution Appointing a County Planner to Provide Various Planning Services for the County of Salem Including the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPA) Work Plan and the GIS System (\$18,000 – Ron Rukenstein and Assoc.)

Freeholder Timberman moved and Freeholder Lindenmuth seconded the above noted resolution. Carried 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Bestwick, Simmermon

2006-289 Resolution to Approve Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115 (Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Department)

2006-290 Resolution to Approve Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115 (Pittsgrove Midget Football)

2006-291 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Furnishing and Delivering Stone Mix Bituminous Paving Material to the County of Salem (\$143,500 – A.E. Stone, Inc.)

2006-292 Road, County Road #611, Phase 4 in Alloway and Upper Pittsgrove Townships for the County of Salem (\$316,120.33 – Arawak Paving Company, Inc.)

2006-293 Resolution Authorizing Emergency Deck Repairs on the Pedricktown Bridge, County Bridge #1700199 in Oldmans Township for the County of Salem (\$25,000 – Pfeifer & Company, LLC)

2006-294 Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for the Resurfacing of Kings Highway, County Road #620 Phase 5 in Mannington Township for the County of Salem

2006-295 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Sewer and Water Connection for the Salem County Road Department Facility with the Borough of Woodstown for the County of Salem

2006-296 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Jurisdictional Agreement #4539 between the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the County of Salem for New Jersey Route #48 and Game Creek Road, County Road #628 in Carney's Point Township (Waiver Required)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved and Freeholder Bestwick seconded the above noted resolutions. Carried 7-0.

There was No unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Pankok of Pennsville stated that the new Emergency room was almost completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Betty Emerson of Pennsville noted that transportation services had been reduced because of economic restraints. Specifically she noted grocery shopping runs were cut in half. Pam Pedrick, from the Office on Aging explained that there had been a reduction in Federal Aid that was the root cause of the trimming of services. Blanch Hogate, director of Public Health noted that the office on Aging works very hard with limited funds to meet all of the needs of the public. Freeholder Bobbitt commented that we should attempt to spread the thinning dollars and if there was anything that could be done. Ms. Pedrick stated that nothing could be done. Freeholder Timberman mentions the availability of public transportation; Ms. Emerson stated that she did not live near any. Freeholder

Bestwick stated that she did not know at this time what could be done but that this issue makes her mad and that we should clearly look into increased funding for these services. Freeholder Simmermon concurred and stated that his committee would further investigate the issue.

CLOSED SESSION

2006-297 Resolution Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from a Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem was moved by Freeholder Bobbitt and seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. Carried 7-0.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders moved into closed session at 4:45 PM. They emerged at from closed Session at 5:50.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. Carried 7-0.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board